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WIND FARM PROPOSAL ANNOUNCED FOR ALBERTON, SOUTH GIPPSLAND

Synergy Wind has announced a proposal to build a new 34 turbine wind farm at Alberton, in Victoria's south-east.

The renewable energy developer's proposal will produce enough clean energy to power more than 45,000 Victorian homes every year, reducing greenhouse gas emissions by over 390,000 tonnes annually.

Project Manager, Coralie Spitzner said the project would be a win for jobs in south-east Victoria, and for the generation of clean energy.

"We estimate that during construction the Alberton Wind Farm will generate around 115 jobs during construction and contribute around \$2.8 million to the local economy, which will be spent in local shops, businesses and services. Around 12 long-term jobs are estimated to remain over the life of the project."

"The local community will see significant benefits once the wind farm is operational.

"Landowners who host turbines on their properties will receive yearly, drought-proof lease payments, making a welcome contribution to farm revenue with little to no impact on farm operations or living.

"A community fund, made up of \$80,000 of grants each year, will be established once construction begins that will support local sporting teams, community groups and events.

Synergy Wind has commenced formal environmental assessments at State and Federal levels, and will lodge an application for planning permit by the end of August 2017.

"Synergy Wind has been working with landowners and neighbours since 2014 to position turbines and tracks in places that won't affect farming or lifestyle. This has involved many group and individual meetings, as well as briefings with representatives from the Wellington Shire," Ms Spitzner said.

"Significant resources have been invested into a range of technical studies, including assessing environmental, cultural, aviation and landscape issues, to gain a robust understanding of local conditions and important values that need to be protected and considered.

"We look forward to working with the Victorian Government to enable the wind farm to begin construction as soon as possible, allowing benefits to flow to the local community and the state of Victoria.

Plans and other information is on display at the Yarram District Hub from 21st to 25th August 2017, and up to date information will also be available on the Synergy Wind website <http://www.synergy-wind.com/>.

About Synergy Wind: *Synergy Wind is a renewable energy project developer based in Melbourne and supported by a group of private investors, many of who have visited Alberton and met with landowners.*

Synergy works with local landowners around Victoria and Australia, to identify sites for wind or solar projects to generate create clean, reliable energy and generate economic benefits for local communities.



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